available adequate supplies of power to Defence equipment industries and other priority requirements. The State Electricity Board has during the current year taken up construction of a comprehensive net-work of the main transmission lines practically all over the State with a view to be ready to utilise the power released when the Sharavathy generating station is commissioned.

It is programmed to bring over a million acres under Irrigation under the Third Five-Year Plan raising the percentage of irrigated area from 7 to 10 per cent. Thirty-three major and medium irrigation projects totalling in all 219·68 crores have been included in the Third Five-Year Plan. By the end of 1962-63, the total potential created will be 7·85 lakhs of acres with a utilisation of 5.03 lakhs of acres. Preliminaries regarding major schemes of Malaprabha and Upper Krishna Irrigation Projects have been sanctioned by Government which is continuing to make every possible effort to obtain a legitimate share of waters of the Krishna and Godavari. My Government is full of hope that the State will get its rightful share of these waters particularly because the percentage of irrigated area in Mysore State is very low being only 7 per cent and the rivers pass through very arid tracts.

Water Supply for Bangalore City.

16. Shortage of drinking water supply in Bangalore City has been engaging the active attention of my Government and a major scheme costing Rs. 13 crores for getting water from the Cauvery River has already been prepared. It is expected that the Government of India may help the State Government to push through this Scheme without delay.

Ports Development.

17. Implementation of Schemes for Development of Ports are under progress and Rs. 280.03 lakhs have been provided for the purpose in the Third Five-Year Plan. Karwar is to be developed as an all weather Port at a cost of Rs. 183 lakhs and work on the lighterage wharf has already commenced. The wharf is estimated to have a capacity to handle four lakh tons of iron ore, one lakh tons of manganese ore and fifty thousand tons of general cargo. A Scheme for the construction of inland water transport canal connecting Mangalore with Coondapur is also under investigation. Investigations regarding the Mangalore Port are under way and it is being taken up as a Central Scheme at a total cost of Rs. 13 crores. A Chief Engineer and a Technical Board are being appointed and ultimately the upgrading of the Mangalore Port to a major port is bound to prove a very significant step towards the economic development of Mysore State.